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## Election Fever, Campaign Mania, and the Student Vote

by Surovi Abeyratne

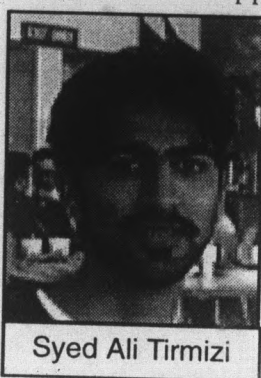
It's that time of the year again, when all the candidates for Student Congress are running around frantically collecting petitions, organizing campaigns, and suggesting structural changes that would be implemented, if they were elected to office. Of all the candidates for office, the most daunting challenge is to those running for President of Student Congress.

Current President Franck Ajisegbe, who plans to run for president for a second term, sees a consecutive term as an opportunity to complete his vision—which he began implementing during his first term as president. Ajisegbe plans on continuing to improve the structure of Congress so that the student-Congress, Congress-Administration relationship would be maximized.

According to Ajisegbe most of the candidates running for office are new and inexperienced and should exercise

caution in their approach towards

Congress policies and activities.



Syed Ali Tirmizi

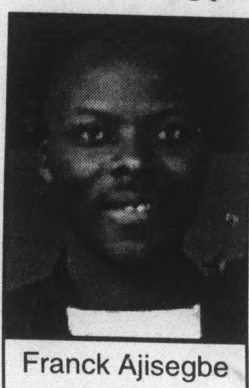
Syed Ali Tirmizi (popularly known as Ali), enthusiastic contender for President

of Congress, identifies a broken link between Congress and the Administration and plans on restoring that link.

Ali also believes that it is the responsibility of the Congress, especially the class presidents, to keep in touch with the students and plans on working for student rights and on behalf of the students who have contributed substantially to the UB community and have not been given the recognition they deserve.

Justin Harding, prominent candidate for president,

acknowledges that the previous Congress did a remarkable job but also sees the relationship between the Administration and Congress as lacking. Harding plans on working on



Franck Ajisegbe

this relationship as this link is fundamental in improving the financial resources and the budget of Congress. Harding also plans on

demonstrating to the Administration that Congress is spending money it is allocated responsibly, if he is elected as president.

Harding believes that the present Congress made improper use of the \$36,000 allocated to the Congress by the Administration at the beginning of the school year. Harding, if he were elected, would insist on all the clubs

turning in their budgets on time and would work on an equitable distribution when allocating funds for events.

Harding who previously had been president of both the Sophomore and Junior class is very excited about the prospect of being president of Congress.



Justin Harding

Vice-presidential candidate, Shai-Bar Nefy, plans on beginning his term in office by implementing small but practical

changes like organizing used book fairs and enlarging job opportunities for students. Nefy believes that there

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## Mutiny on the SS Student Congress

by Daniel Chin

On Wednesday, April 16, Student Congress dismissed the representatives from the College of Chiropractic Medicine. Mark Shilensky, who had been serving as interim Treasurer, and Jennifer Veit, who was the "Representative from the College of Chiropractic," had been sitting in on all Congress sessions since they first came as observers from the College of Chiropractic. The other members of Student Congress unanimously voted to create the position of "Representative from the College of Chiropractic," and asked Mark to fill this position. Later, Mark served as Treasurer after Nozomi Hayakawa left the position, senior Jennifer became the representative.

This was the situation of the Student Congress since before the beginning of the spring semester. After four months, internal conflict within the Student Congress brought to light a major flaw in the Congress' actions. Prof. Hans van der Giessen, advisor for the Student Congress, stated, "I was made aware of political conflicts between several parties in Student Congress... After a review of

the 'Constitution of the Student Congress' it is my opinion that the Student Congress vote which granted the College of Chiropractic a seat in the Student Congress was in direct violation of its own Constitution."

Specifically, the Constitution states: "The only students eligible to cast votes are undergraduate full-time students (Article III, section 1)" and "You cannot be a member of Student Congress unless you are eligible to vote for members of Student Congress (Article III, section 2)." Because the College of Chiropractic is a graduate school, Mark and Jennifer cannot be involved in Congress, or even vote for Congress. However, for the past four months, they have been working in and directly affecting all decisions made by Congress.

Understandably, Mark and Jennifer were visibly upset that after all their hard effort, they were asked to leave Congress. Mark spoke out against the current situation of the Congress using the term, "border-line dictatorship" to describe its operation. Prof. van der Giessen's reply was only that, "Congress and its President made a major mistake."

Many members of Congress, as

well as student observers were very upset with the disgraceful dismissal of the Chiropractic students. Repeatedly, the word "pathetic" was used to describe the Congress' handling of the dismissal.

The meeting did not commence until Mark and Jennifer left their positions. During the official meeting, it was discovered that President Franck Ajisegbe and Vice-President Anuj Schroff had known all along that the act of inviting Mark and Jennifer to be in Congress was unconstitutional. Freshman class President Ashok Regmi ran out of the room in anger, and the session broke down into several arguments amongst different people in the room.

A lot of the blame was focused on President Ajisegbe for not informing the rest of the Congress that the act of creating a position in Congress was not in the power of the Student Congress, no matter what the vote. In his own defense, President Ajisegbe explained, "I knew we were violating the Constitution, but it was for the betterment of the UB community... Nobody raised any objections."

## Center for Study of World Religions to open in 1998

by Markus Nottelmann

The University is currently pursuing the establishment of three new international academic programs, the first of which, a program in World Religions, should come online by the Fall 1998 semester. Even though the University's new mission statement has not yet been ratified by the Board of Trustees and the University Senate, the new programs give a large boost to the international aspect of the University, as outlined in the new Mission statement.

"The University has proposed and will continue to propose international course offerings for students," said the Dean of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Anthony Guerra. At the last Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved a new degree program in World Religions to be submitted to the state for licensing.

"During the last visit of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the visiting team recommended that the University start

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## News

## Above and Beyond

by Aurora Lee

Eleven professors, administrators, and workers of UB received an award of recognition from students in the Above and Beyond Award Ceremony on Friday, April 18, 1997, in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center. The event was organized by the Above and Beyond Committee, formed and financed by the Student Congress. Members of the Above and

Franck Ajisege, the President of the Student Congress, started the Ceremony with welcoming remarks. He emphasized that the names of the awardees came directly from students and that these people through their hard work "make students lives safe and rewarding."

Franck Ajisege, also donated \$68 on behalf of the Student Congress to the School for the Handicapped. The money was raised through Valentine's Day Food Drive.

The Above and Beyond Award, saying "in recognition of your service and dedication to the students, Student Congress 1997/97," was presented to:

Felix Rivera, Marina Hall employee, Francis Ayers,

worker in Building and Grounds Department, Rosalie Schwarz, Secretary of International Admission, Valerie Powell-Baldwin, Registrar, Richard Loehn, Officer of UB Security Department, James Garland, Director of Administration, Lamont Thomas, Professor of History, Prof. Greenspan, Professor of Business Law and Advisor for the School of Business, Janet Merritt, Dean of Students, Hans van der Giessen, Professor of Social and Political Science and Advisor to

Student Congress, and Dr. Richard Rubenstein, the President of UB.

"There is no better job than teaching, and there is no more valuable reward than one bestowed by students you teach," said Prof. van der Giessen. President Rubenstein emphasized that "it is the team that makes the difference," and that "this team includes each one of the students in the University." He also said that there is no other school that he loves more, thinks more of, and devotes more to than to the University of Bridgeport.

According to Monalisa Basu, the

chairperson of the Above and Beyond Committee, the main purpose of the Ceremony was to thank people who are not necessarily recognized, however, who "go above and beyond their call of duty to make a contribution to student life."



Ashok Regmi presenting Rosalie Schwarz her award



UB Students from the Music Dept. entertained the guests

Beyond Committee went around with survey on who should receive the award. As a result of the survey eleven names were chosen. These people, according to opinion of the majority of students, had an unforgettable impact on students' lives.

## David Oestreicher vs. Student Congress

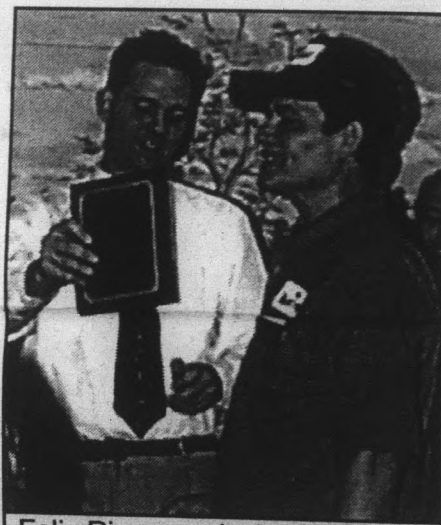
by Aurora Lee

The new housing contract for the 1997/98 academic year seems to be very controversial. The contract established Barnum Hall as a completely substance free dorm which means that students "who wish to live in Barnum Hall will not be allowed to use any illegal drugs, any form of tobacco (cigarettes, cigars, chews, etc.), and/or alcohol while in the residence hall. In addition, the 3rd floor on the West side of Barnum will be female with no male visitation allowed. Married couples housing may be available on the 4th floor, West Wing, Barnum Hall. The 7th and 8th floors of Bodine Hall will be reserved for Naturopathic, Chiropractic, and Graduate students."

"The Student Congress strongly protested the contract because the students leaders were not asked for their opinions," reported the Scribe in its last issue. In addition, a Student Poll, carried out by Student Congress and published in the same issue, showed that many students are concerned about their right to smoke and to drink in their rooms and to have students of the opposite sex stay over. Another strong concern expressed by students is accommodation. "We understand the needs of other students, but there is not enough accommodation for them," said Eric Thomas.

Yes, many students disagree with the new rules in the residence halls. However, there are also many students

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Felix Rivera receiving his award from former Congress member, Lee Marrero

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are several existing student facilities that are neglected e.g. WUBN. He hopes to maximise these facilities if elected. Nefy plans on appointing a Scribe correspondent to improve the Scribe, and is confident that his experience in the army, his knowledge of science and art, and his integrity and maturity would sustain him in his position as vice-president.

Dalia Hernandez, candidate for speaker of the house is concerned that the relationship between Student Congress and the student body is not what it should be. Hernandez plans on improving student facilities like WUBN, the computer labs and the UB shuttle van.

Fabiola Trivino, candidate for senator of the school of Arts, Humanities and social science is interested in working for a new program for journalism and artistic photography within the school. Trivino is also enthusiastic about creating a dance program as a means of artistic expression.

Naya Kolarova, contender for senator in the school of Arts, Humanities and Social sciences is anxious to put her skills in political science into use with regard to congress policies, functions and activities. Kolarova majors in Political Science and Mass Communications.

Beylul Solomon, contender for Sophomore class president, believes in giving her class a voice as she feels that these constituents are underrepresented.

Students want the best for UB, and they will be entrusting their confidence in these candidates during the elections. Let's hope these candidates will live up to the expectations of the student body and most importantly to the standards, goals and expectations they have set for themselves as a part of the Congress.

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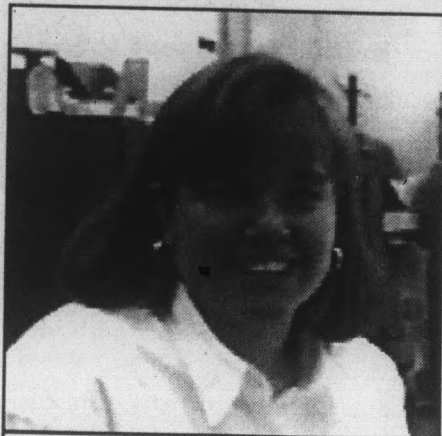
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## New Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions

by Ashok Regmi



Amy L. Olausen: Director of Transfer Admissions

UB's Admissions office has a new Assistant Director of Transfer Admissions. Amy L. Olausen replaced Larry Matthews one month ago. She deals with the admission procedures of students transferring from Community or Junior Colleges.

In an interview with the Scribe she says: "I heard about UB from the newspaper. I like this job." When asked why she left her previous job as an Adult Day Health Care Program Director she says, "It was disgusting to see the old people come and die. I like to work in a college environment where people come and go on to have a career."

She likes the people at UB. She says: "UB is quite smaller than I expected. But it is better for me to learn in an environment with a small population." In response to a query

about future programs to recruit more students she says "We are starting high school visits from the Fall Semester." According to her, about ten transfer students inquire about UB every week.

Amy received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Stonehill College in Massachusetts. She has one and a half year experience as a Director of Adult Day Health Care Program. She did her Research and Planning Internship in London. She has also worked as the Program Director of Calumet Lutheran Camp.

"I always wanted to be a teacher but I don't think I can be one any longer." She considers this job as a good start for her career in fields like College Relationship.

## Students Not The Only Ones Doing Papers

Dr. Rod Carveth, Head of the Mass Communication Department, presented "Online Media Economics: A Case Study of America Online" at the annual convention of the Eastern Communication Association in Baltimore, MD, April 10-13.

Carveth's paper traced the economic history of America Online (AOL), the most popular commercial online information service provider in the country, and analyzed its current marketing and customer service problems. "AOL's current dilemma — having too many customers for its technical capacity — stems from an overreaction to Microsoft's entry into the online communications field," Carveth said. "First, AOL launched an aggressive marketing campaign to sign up two million more customers. Then, AOL feared that Microsoft's move to flat rate pricing, rather than charging per hours, would siphon off customers, so AOL matched Microsoft's pricing plan. The result was that AOL not only obtained more new customers, but also encouraged old customers to use the service more — thus maxing out AOL's technical

capacity." Carveth's paper received a "Top Three Mass Communication Paper" designation from the Association. He was also elected chair of the Association's Mass Communication Interest Group.

Dr. Yanmin Yu, also of the Mass Communication Department, will be presenting a paper to the International Symposium on Socio-Economic Transition and Cultural Reconstruction in China, sponsored by the Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences. The title of the paper is "They Demonize China, We Trash Them: A Critical Analysis of Demonizing China and the American Media." Demonizing China is a recent book published in China and has rapidly become a bestseller. "The book criticizes the American media and believes there is a conspiracy in the American media to demonize China and ultimately to overthrow the Chinese government," said Dr. Yu.

Dr. Yu's current paper extends her work from a chapter she wrote last January for a book to respond to another bestseller, *China Can Say No*,

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## World News

### U.N. Panel Takes Step Toward Classing Tobacco For Drug Control

GENEVA (AP) The U.N. health agency has taken its first step toward recommending that tobacco be classed for drug control with heroin and cocaine under international treaties.

A panel of experts with the World Health Organization has proposed that it review tobacco for possible classification under the International Convention on Drug Control.

Neil Collishaw, a scientist in the Tobacco Or Health Program of the World Health Organization, on Monday confirmed a report in the French daily Le Monde that the panel initially had recommended the proposal last October.

### Powerful Quake Rocks South Pacific, No Reports Of Damage

HONG KONG (AP) A magnitude-7.9 earthquake struck a remote area near the Santa Cruz Islands of the South Pacific Monday. No damage or injuries were reported.

The Royal Hong Kong Observatory said the quake hit at 8:13 p.m. local time (1213 GMT). The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, confirmed the magnitude, and said the quake was centered 220 miles (355 kilometers) northwest of Vanuatu island, some 1,300 miles (2,090 kilometers) northeast of Brisbane, Australia.

A magnitude-7 quake is considered severe, capable of widespread damage near the epicenter.

### North Korea Keeps U.S., South Korea Waiting On Peace Talks Offer

NEW YORK (AP) Talks to persuade North Korea to join peace negotiations broke down after the United States and South Korea refused the North's demand for additional food aid.

South Korean officials said their delegation would return to Seoul on Tuesday. The United States said the peace talks offer remained on the table and contacts would continue among the three countries' diplomatic missions.

North Koreans insisted they could not accept the proposal for peace talks, which would include China, without accompanying guarantees of badly needed food aid, South Korean sources said on condition of anonymity.

### Israelis Take Respite From Political Crisis, Celebrate Passover

JERUSALEM (AP) Israeli families

gathered Monday for the ritual Passover meal commemorating the Israelites' delivery from slavery in Egypt. Israeli troops sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip to guard against militant attacks timed to the holiday.

The border closure, which had been in effect to a lesser degree since a March 21 bombing that killed three Israelis, bars Palestinians from entering Israel during the eight-day holiday.

The high tensions between Israelis and Palestinians and an influence-peddling scandal in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government overshadowed preparations for the Passover meal, or Seder.

### French President Orders Early Elections Before Tough Budget Battle

PARIS (AP) President Jacques Chirac ordered early parliamentary elections Monday in a risky move intended to save his conservative coalition and get a voter mandate for tax and spending cuts.

Chirac asked voters to show their support for his austerity measures in elections May 25 and June 1, about nine months ahead of the originally scheduled March 1998 vote.

Chirac is struggling with record 12.8 percent unemployment, is down in the polls and faces battles over budget cuts to qualify France for participation in the single European currency. He's gambling that his coalition could run now and still win.

### Telephone Threats Trap Thousands In London Traffic Nightmare

LONDON (AP) A string of telephoned bomb threats tied London's air, rail and road traffic in knots on Monday and momentarily distracted politicians from the national election campaign.

Authorities blamed the IRA. Prime Minister John Major, expressing contempt for the Irish Republican Army, praised the "stoicism and good humor" of the traveling public, which struggled all morning with citywide traffic snarls. No bombs were found.

"It is essential to take these warnings seriously," Major said. "The IRA have murdered in the past. They will not hesitate to murder again."

No one claimed responsibility, although the people who called in the threats used ecognized IRA code words.



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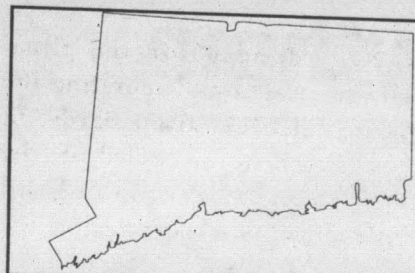
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## CT News

### Principal Dyes Hair Purple

KILLINGLY, Conn. (AP) Students were up to the challenge. After all, with incentives like ice cream and seeing your principal dye her hair purple, who wouldn't be?

Accepting the challenge, students at Killingly Central School read more than 320,000 minutes in six weeks. The goal was to read 300,000 minutes in that time.

Principal Betty Forrest dyed her hair purple for a day when the students celebrated their accomplishments. She said it was

worth it though to get the students to read "It was a good way for everybody to participate," she said.

### A Grave Matter

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) It is a grave matter in this city headstones in the oldest cemetery in eastern Connecticut are crumbling and barely legible.

At the Antientist Burial Ground, a cemetery dating back to 1645, the remains of the region's earliest settlers are held. A feature of the cemetery is the graves of free blacks and slaves.



## US News

### McDougal Says He Is Now Telling the Truth About the Clintons

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (AP) Declaring he is now telling Whitewater prosecutors the truth about the Clintons, James McDougal, their former business partner, says he lied in the past "to save my own skin."

In an interview, McDougal said he "wouldn't speculate" on whether the new information he has given Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr would lead to indictments against the president or first lady.

McDougal now says that then-Gov. Clinton attended a meeting where an illegal loan was discussed. The \$300,000 loan never repaid was used partly to shore up the Clintons' failing Whitewater real estate investment. At his trial a year ago, McDougal denied that Clinton had ever been to such a meeting.

### Air Force Likely Has Found Wreckage of Missing Warplane

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) Strong wind and poor visibility prevented efforts today to reach what the Air Force believes may be the wreckage of an A-10 warplane missing for nearly three weeks after a mysterious flight into the Rockies.

A four-member recovery team was on standby after scraps of paper spotted Sunday on a 2-mile-high peak directed searchers' attention to debris resting above an area of old gold and silver mines.

However, the poor weather delayed the arrival of a powerful

helicopter that could carry the team to the site, said Maj. Gen. Nels Running.

### Under Oath, Tobacco Executives Insist Smoking Not Deadly

MIAMI (AP) Four top tobacco company executives said under oath that smoking cannot kill despite Liggett Group's admission a month ago that smoking is addictive and can cause cancer.

In private depositions given last week, the executives clung to long-held industry statements about the dangers of tobacco, according to transcripts and videotapes obtained by The Miami Herald and reported Sunday.

The depositions were given in response to class-action lawsuits filed by Stanley Rosenblatt, a Florida lawyer.

### McVeigh Trial Expected To Begin In Earnest This Week

DENVER (AP) After 99 prospective jurors and more than three weeks of exhaustive, sometimes invasive questioning, the judge and attorneys in the Oklahoma City bombing trial have finished the first stage of jury selection.

"Thank goodness it's over," said Roy Sells, whose wife, Lee, was among the 168 people killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing. Sells, who plans to attend the entire trial, has been a constant fixture during the 16 days of often tedious questioning.

### Australian Bird Survives CT

SOUTHBURY, Conn. (AP) A rare bird from Australia has weathered a blizzard in Connecticut. The female Australian Rossella escaped from her safe haven at Wesley Rouse's backyard aviary about the same time Mother Nature was gearing up to wallop the region with an April 1 blizzard.

The multi-colored 10-inch bird was found huddled on a neighbor's porch two days after she escaped.

### Yale Co-op To Move

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) The Yale Co-op, which has served the campus for more than century, has found a

new home, four months after the university decided to lease the building to national bookstore chain Barnes & Noble. The Co-op, which has grown to be the largest retailer in New Haven, will move to Chapel Square Mall in June, leaving its address on Broadway, where it has been since the 1960s. Founded by university instructors and students in 1885, the Co-op decided to find a new home when the university failed to renew its lease last fall. Barnes & Noble, promising more books, longer hours and a spiffier look than the Co-op, will have a 15-year lease and will open in late summer.



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## Campus Life

## When the Souls Get Into the Rythmn

by Aurora Lee

Everyone remembers the fabulous performances presented by Japanese students at the International Festival. Dynamic and creative, they harmoniously combined Japanese traditional dance and culture with modern concepts of life. Both performances were the result of the joint efforts of everyone in the group. According to Kenichi Ebina, the main choreographer and organizer of the April 12 performances, everybody worked hard, contributed interesting ideas and suggestions, and, most importantly, put his or her heart into making the performances exciting, interesting, and professional.

Kenichi Ebina, a sophomore majoring in general studies, is the initiator, choreographer, and dancer of the group called *Soul Beat*. The group consists of ten people, six of who are experienced dancers and have been in the group from the beginning. Another four joined them recently.

The group's name *Soul Beat* was an inspiration of Yoichi Imai. "A soul usually does not beat. But when we dance even our souls get into the

rhythm and start beating," commented Kenichi on the name of the group.

"First we got together just for fun," said Kenichi. However, as the group grew and developed, its goals and purposes changed. The members of the group see the next step in establishing a student dance club. However, the final goal is to set up a dance course under the Theatre and Art Department.

Right now, repertoire of the group consists of mostly hip-hop and house dance. However, everyone in the group hopes that more students of different cultures will join the group and bring their national dances with them. They are looking forward to

learning new dances and possibly creating a musical and would like to see their group much bigger and more international.

*Soul Beat* has its weekly meetings on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the lounge next to T-Maria Café. Anybody who likes

to dance (no dancing skills required) or to teach dancing is welcomed. Join



Kenichi Ebina (below left) with the rest of Soul Beat

the Soul Beat to experience your soul beating to the rhythm of music!

## The Catskills the home of Ancient Fossils

by Dalia Hernandez

After almost 25 years of tradition, once again on the beautiful and warm morning of Sunday, April 20 Dr. John Nicholas (better known as "Doc

Rock") took 33 students to the Catskill Mountain region of southeastern New York State.

Who would think that just driving up the route 25 from Bridgeport to Trumbull we can see metamorphic and igneous rock types, formed 230 to 575 million years ago. Well, you could have seen these kinds of rocks and fossils if you have come on the trip.

The main purpose of the field trip was to introduce students taking the Natural Science class to the scenic Catskill Mountain region. The students were able to discover fossil specimens of creatures that lived in the ocean which covered the Catskills during the Paleozoic Era.

The Catskills are one of the best fossil collecting regions in the northeastern United States. Rock types such as reef limestones, shales, and sandstones contain brachiopods, pelecypods, gastropods, crinoids, bryozoans, coral, graptolites, algae, and plant remains.

On the other hand, the Catskills are "residual mountains" as many geologist classify this region. The special natural phenomenon that occurred in the Catskill Mountains was the long continued erosion of the essentially horizontal sedimentary strata (layers).

All the students were excited and ready with their gloves, chisels, and hammers to go and look for the different fossils. The students had the opportunity to see and appreciate the beauty of mother nature, and many of the student found fairly big and intact fossil.

Our last stop was the most beautiful part of the trip, we stopped at one of the waterfalls of the Catskill region. The water was so pure and crystalline. We spent about one hour observing the water fall. It was really relaxing, one can enjoy just the noise of the rapidly falling water that caress the huge imposing rocks.

The cost of the trip was only five dollars for the opportunity to appreciate mother nature's best way of preserving fossils and see the beauty nature. Dr. Nicholas is a really dedicated person and enjoys what he does. He vividly commented that he always derives joy from the trips and that no two trips are alike.

## Student Poll

## Question:

How do you rate the performance of the present Student Congress?



"C-. Didn't fail because they succeeded to answer a few questions. But not that bad."

Hemantha Eves Wijesooriya



"I think Student Congress did an OK job, but there are some things that need to be taken care of. My overall view is that they could have done much better."

Darcy Argueta



"I don't know, I'm not aware of their activities."

Asanp Nakagawa



"I think the Congress did a good job. Lots of management problem lately, but they got what they wanted. The school shuttle van was a great deal."

Chris Suarez



"The Congress did an admirable job considering the disparate personalities involved. If I was to give any advice: deliver more activities to the students. Campus life is not developed enough."

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## Exotic Caribbean Feel At Marina

by Naya Johnson

Friday, April 18, was a cold, windy, rainy day, but at around ten o'clock that night SCBOD threw a summer beach party. Girls were dressed in bikinis, shorts, tank tops, and straw hats.

Denise Ruiz and other SCBOD members greeted party goers with smiles and colorful Hawaiian lays. You could hear the reggae music blasting out of the Marina Dining Hall from blocks away.

The live reggae band from Hartford called Crucial Massive

rocked the party, playing everything from "No woman no cry" to "Hot, Hot, Hot", old reggae, calypso, and rock reggae. Eduardo Kim led the crowd in his own rendition of the Electric Slide followed by the band teaching a new reggae dance.

Everyone was energetic, and the scene had an exotic Caribbean feel with summer decorations. Linda Allen did a marvelous job in creating a picture perfect section for anybody who wanted to have a summer Kodak moment.

By approximately twelve o'clock there were more than sixty people dancing and cheering on Melissa Glen to show the crowd her superb limbo skills.

The atmosphere was so hot and sweaty after jamming so much that it truly felt like a summer night. I talked to the treasurer of SCBOD, Stephen

Stepanov, who told me that the beach party is a traditional event that they put on every year. The number one question that students wanted to know was how come no one knew about it?

As Crucial Massive played a couple more tunes and gave out free tickets to their CD release party in Stamford, people got their last drinks and snacks before leaving the Caribbean paradise and returning out into the cold rain.

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Party goers enjoying the reggae music and the colorful lays

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## Letter to the Editor

In last week's Scribe issue (April 17, 1997) Franck Ajisegbe and Lee Marerro attempted to attack the competition philosophy of the Festival by stating that "When examined carefully, the entire concept of the International Festival can be proven to be nothing more than a competition between countries to determine which has more flavorful food and better talent."

Unfortunately Ajisegbe, Marrero, and other proponents of this argument seemed to have missed the essence of the Festival by reducing it to a cultural rat race. The International Festival is not about the superiority of Nepal's chicken curry over Bolivia's potatoes, nor is it about the aesthetic comparison of the Asyik and Payung dances of Malaysia to the Horo and Rachenitsa dance of Bulgaria.

On the contrary, the Festival is about team spirit, team cohesion, dedication, creativity, spontaneity, originality and cultural representation. This is in effect symbolized by the culturally unique food, performances and booths presented at the festival.

Healthy competition brings out the best in everyone and it is an established fact that the competitive element of the festival brings out the very best in all UB students. This is

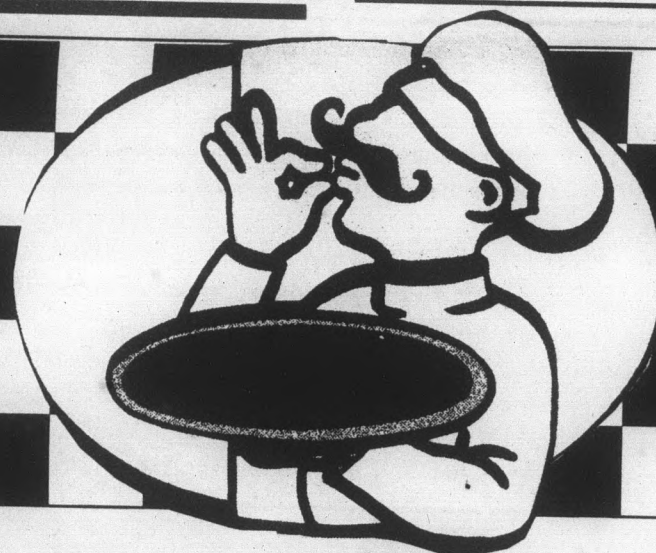
clearly illustrated in the polished performances, delicious food and creative and informative booths. It is only fair that the effort, time and dedication of the students be acknowledged.

The criterion used by the judges to make their decision is as follows: Food is judged on flavor and appearance; the performances on Country representation, creativity and professional appearance (which depends on the performance being well practiced and the movements well synchronized), and the booths on their informative nature, creativity in presentation and cultural representation.

When judging the food, the judges are presented with unmarked samples of food so that they would not be affected by previous bias.

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Surovi Abeyratne



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## Letters to the Editor

## 6 Column Inches That Shook the World Letter to the Editor

by Rod Carveth, Scribe Advisor

Two weeks ago, at a meeting of the Scribe editorial board, the Student Congress, Dean Janet Merritt and Dr. Hans van der Giessen, Dr. van der Giessen had observed that the Scribe was playing it safe, "not shaking things up" like campus newspapers often do. After last week's Scribe, I'm sure Professor van der Giessen would agree the paper has indeed shaken things up.

For those of you who may have been travelling on the UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp Comet over the last week, the Scribe published a short letter by an anonymous individual that – complete with numerous misspellings – was venomous in its attack on international students.

Next to the letter was a picture of an individual in a white hood and a sweatshirt with the letters "KKK" across it.

The anonymous individual who wrote the letter was myself. The letter and the picture were intended as parody. Some readers figured that out. Most didn't.

In the days that have followed, the reactions to the parody have varied from "hilarious" to "the Scribe must be shut down." I would love to report that supportive comments have outnumbered negative ones, but, in truth, reaction among readers has run about 25 to 1 against. To that ratio I can only quote Ricky Ricardo on "I Love Lucy" – I have some 'splaining to do.

The letter started out as an internal means of letting our staff vent their feelings of frustration after reading Lee Marrero's letter, (which was published aside the one I wrote).

Almost all of the staff at the Scribe are international students, and

the ones present at the Scribe the day Lee's letter arrived felt hurt, feeling the tone was ethnocentric at best, racist at worst. So, I wrote the letter, clearly in a fashion best described as "over-the-top," showed it to the staff, and joked we could publish my letter aside Lee's letter along with the picture (which had been digitally constructed).

The discussion with the staff then proceeded to whether we should really publish this letter and picture. We felt that Lee Marrero's letter was symbolic of the increasingly observable schism at the University between those students who are ethnocentric and those who embrace cultural diversity. We also felt that the dangers of ethnocentrism are the encouragement of the vile and ignorant attitudes symbolized in the fictitious letter I wrote. The discussion was a long one, but the staff there at the time all agreed to publish my letter. So, we did.

Now, let me make clear two

points. First, while the final decision to publish was the staff's and staff's alone, I am not so naive as to think that my involvement in writing this letter was not a major factor in their decision. Second, not all of the Scribe staff was present, so the decision was not one made by the entire staff. So, if readers need to lay fault at somebody's feet for publishing this letter, they should lay it at mine.

Do I feel writing and publishing the letter with the picture in the Scribe was a mistake? Personally, I feel it is too early to make that judgment. It depends on how effective the letter and accompanying picture are in making their point.

If effectiveness is measured as getting a reaction from the community, then I might never again write anything quite as effective as this letter.

If, however, effectiveness is

See Response, page 10

I am dismayed by an unsigned letter to the editor in the last issue of The Scribe. The Saturday evening before this issue was published I attended the wonderful International Festival with my family. The theme of the festival was to celebrate 70 years of diversity at UB. Then, in the next issue of the school's paper, there is an anonymous letter "signed" by a "pikchur" cartoon of a Ku Klux Klansman.

It seems that the intention of this letter was to be a parody of some sort of Lee Marrero's ideas as stated in several of his letters to the editor, I am not able to comment on Marrero's opinions. I simply don't know enough about the subject of admissions, recruitment, etc. I can say, however, that the publication of the unsigned letter did not show the best editorial judgment.

Community newspaper editors have an obligation to understand their

See Judgement, page 11

Letter to the Editor

## Otherness Will No Longer Be As Threatening

Reading Mr. Lee Marrero's letter in the April 17 issue of the Scribe, I have a lot of thoughts and feelings. For it touches both my institutional and ethnic identities very deeply. I would like to share these thoughts and feelings with the UB community.

I can understand Mr. Marrero's feelings, to some extent. Being a minority in any setting can be an unpleasant experience. We can, therefore, imagine how difficult it is for the ethnic minorities struggling on a daily basis in American society. Mr. Marrero's letter exactly proves this point.

However, let us keep the record

straight here. For we have nothing to fear but

truth. UB does not have a majority of American students. Is this because we pay little attention to recruit them? I keep track of UB's recruitment process very closely. We do invest a lot of time and effort in recruiting domestic students. But why are the results so disappointing?

To answer this question, we have to understand the complexity of the domestic market as well as the recent history of UB. I particularly want to stress that we have been greatly misunderstood and unfairly perceived by many fellow Americans. In short, we all are victimized by a form of prejudice.

I am saddened by Mr. Marrero's letter that this aspect of social dynamics is not even recognized and the overpopulation of the Asian students campus is spontaneously

attributed as a cause of the poor quality of student life he tends to perceive.

I also admire Mr. Marrero's candid support for diversity. (Many people, indeed, resent the concept of diversity these days). However, to appreciate diversity, one has to understand the history of this social movement, the aim of which is to give recognition to someone who is different from us.

Ultimately, we all will have equal voices and power regardless of our differences. I would recommend anyone on campus to read with empathy the literature and history of another culture that is different from his or hers. For instance, read Ronald Takaki's *Strangers from a Different Shore* if you are not Asian American. Read Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* and Toni Morrison's *Song of Solomon* if you are not African American. Then, you will begin to know how exciting and adventurous it is to know the Other; the Otherness will no longer be as threatening as we imagine.

I can understand how comfortable it is when we speak our own language in a foreign land. It is even very satisfying when we make friends with people of the same national origin on the foreign soil. The make-belief of home is so welcoming when we are so far away from the real home. But by doing so, we are deprived of the important opportunities of studying abroad: Specifically, to study other cultures and to profess the English language. I sincerely encourage the international students to seek friendship from other ethnic groups

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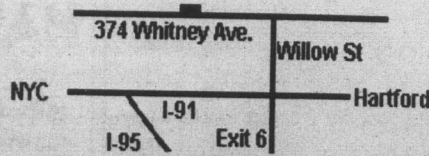


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## Letters to the Editor

Letter to the Editor  
**Separate but Equal**

In response to Mr. Marrero's letter, I would like to say that many members of both the Korean and Japanese communities were deeply hurt by his one-sided views.

Though he supposedly was only criticizing UB's recruitment efforts in East Asia, in reality, he was criticizing and insulting every Asian student on campus. After all, what is the comparison of one trip to Asia, as opposed to every day efforts to recruit American students?

Mr. Marrero had nothing to say about the Admission's telemarketing efforts or the growing involvement in

Bridgeport area high schools.

It is not the choice of the Japanese and Korean students to separate themselves from students of other backgrounds. In fact, that is just the opposite. It is the attitudes of other students, similar to Mr. Marrero, who put up their hand and say, "No, you are not welcome here." Did black people choose to use the colored bathroom, or sit at the back of the bus?

Though I grew up in America, and went through the American education system, I was often judged not by my character, but by the color of my skin. Since coming to UB, it has only gotten worse. Racial equality on campus is a myth. Unless you believe being called a chink or a chino by a white, black, Hispanic person is equal.

Mr. Marrero's letter is akin to the propaganda for "separate but equal" beliefs held by the South in the 1960s, and his protests are much like those of George Wallace, who would not let black children into his schools.

There is diversity on campus, but there is separation. However, it is not the job of the administration to solve that problem. It is up to the students, all the students, to decide whether separation exists. We all have something in common after all. We are all immigrants to this country. Whether it was hundreds of years ago, or just last week, whether it was in chains or by free will, let "history not repeat it's mistakes."

Daniel Chin

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Letter to the Editor  
**Bizarre Recruiting Tactics**

I disagree with the letter that Lee recently submitted to the Scribe. UB does not have unusual or "bizarre" recruiting tactics. At least not any more unusual than the school that I transferred from, and most schools in the United States. It is a simple fact that certain countries have students who wish to study in America, and are economically affluent enough to do so. No University is going to turn down a student who has the money, grades, and credentials, simply because of their race or what part of the world they are from.

Furthermore I think that the East Asian students contribute a great deal to the University. For example last year I participated in the Sacura school which was a small school that the Japanese students created to teach their language and culture to those who were interested. Even though I did not learn any Japanese I made friends with a lot of wonderful people that I would have otherwise been too

shy to approach. In my experience here I have never been cut off or secluded from eating lunch with or joining in with any group at UB.

Yes, it is true that in Marina we do tend to stick to our own countries, but that goes to say with any group in any school that happens to have a common base with one another whether it is a country, sorority, club, or religious organization. I do not think that it is only the Asian students who segregate themselves as was implied in the previous article. I am one of four lone students from Holland, yet in no way have I ever felt that I have had to abandon my own culture. Instead I feel my life has been enriched by all the different cultures that I have been exposed to at UB. It is easy to observe a group of people from a distance and assume all kinds of things about them, but it is more challenging and interesting to go beyond our limitations and speak to a member of that group and find out what they are really about. Why don't you give it a try, Lee?

Tweeran Verheyen

Letter to the Editor  
**Can Afford To?**

Responding to Mr. Marrero's letter, published in the last Scribe issue, I would like to comment on Mr. Marrero's statement that "Asian students segregate themselves because they can afford to, it is easy for them to preserve their culture in Lafayette Apartments." First of all, not all Asian students live in Lafayette Apartments. And by targeting Lafayette Apartments Mr. Marrero narrows his statement down to Japanese students. Also, Japanese students do not live there "because they can afford to" but because they can NOT afford to live on campus. Most Japanese students do not receive any financial aid or scholarships from the University.

In terms of preserving one's culture, personally, I think it is up to each individual. Not only Japanese students tend to live close together,

but also students from many other countries, including the USA, do the same. Even though I live in a Japanese environment, I do have my ways to go out and learn about other cultures. Also, another reason that supports me living in Lafayette Apartments is my beliefs. It seems to me that Mr. Marrero has raised the issue of "Asian Students" living in Lafayette Apartments because he does not like the presence of Unification Church members on campus which he expressed many times in the past. Otherwise, how would you explain that he does not mind any other cultural groups living together both off and on campus but students in Lafayette? Also, diversity does not mean an equal amount of students from different countries but presence and interaction of many different cultures.

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## Miscellaneous

# Barnum's Open Mic Night

by Naya Johnson

Barnum Hall shined on Saturday as it presented its open mic night.

Baimass, one of the RAs, headed up the event. A little bit after 9p.m. Barnum residents Eric Thomas, Nanyamka Johnson, and Sean Campbell started everything off with some slick mellow R&B songs. Then the UB Band literally rocked the house with a couple of hard hitting tunes.

After a short intermission for

eating, freshman James Hood astounded the audience with two original raps.

One student suggested that James work on showing his talent at other places. Let's just hope that he remembers that Barnum Hall was where it started.

The UB Band got the crowd energized and led the evenings festivities to an end at approximately ten o'clock.

## Response from page 8

measured in terms of the community's ability to recognize the letter's symbolic meaning, then the jury is definitely out (though probably ready to come back with a verdict of "not effective").

The absolute shock of seeing those words and picture generated such a visceral reaction among many readers that it overwhelmed its intended interpretation. Many felt hurt by the words and picture.

For those readers who already embrace diversity and were hurt, I can only offer my apology. For those readers who were hurt because they recognize the ugliness of the words and picture in themselves, please use the opportunity for self-reflection.

Finally, let me say that while Lee Marrero's letter offended a number of Scribe staff members and readers, there was one good point in the letter (albeit rather curiously expressed): The University of Bridgeport needs to do a

better job at clearly communicating what we are - a truly international university. Prospective domestic students should know beforehand that they will work and live with large numbers of international students. This should be the centerpiece of our marketing to domestic students.

The 21st century will be the global century. We can offer students not only courses in international studies, but social interaction with a variety of cultures. When students graduate from this institution, they will be better off than any of their peers in their ability to make their way in the new global world.

This can only happen, however, if our community works every day to embrace what ad man Rosser Reeves describes as a "Unique Selling Proposition" - our cultural diversity. The action at last week's Student Congress meeting suggests we have a long way to go. If nothing else, my letter symbolized what the alternative could be.

## Dorms from page 2

who are glad to have the option of living in a substance free environment. "If people choose to live that way, it is fine with me. We should have a choice," said Naing Lynn, a computer science major. Also, a number of

students, especially Chiropractic students, expressed the need for a quiet time because they have a lot of studying to do.

There are a lot of female students who feel uncomfortable seeing males in the female bathroom, and strongly expressed their feelings to David Oestreicher. Tweeran Verheyen is one of them. She says she often finds herself asking the question, while brushing her teeth in the morning: "Did I wake up and go to the wrong bathroom?" Male presence in female bathrooms has been a constant complaint to David Oestreicher. Male students seem to have no complaints about female students using their bathrooms.

The changes in the housing contract are based on the students' opinions expressed to Mr. Oestreicher, Director of Residential Life and Judicial Affairs, and were made to satisfy the needs of all students. It is yet to be seen how the new housing contract will eventually turn out.

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## Diversity from page 8

on campus. This social experience will enrich your personal life. Of course, the relationship has to be built on mutual respect and equality.

If everyone is a mirror image of God, then why can we not embrace people who are different from us? What are our psychological barriers in the process of forming an intimate and equal relationship with them?

If this letter can help you reflect upon your intergroup relationship and facilitate this process on campus, then it is not written in vain.

Vincent P. Tong  
Department of Management  
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## Miscellaneous

## Letter to Editor

Regarding last week's "Letter to the Editor," something a little more disturbing than the questions of diversity raised was the reaction posted next to it.

A Klu Klux Klan hood added to Lee's picture, while giving a legitimate claim to censorship, also brought up a kind of racist image which cannot be taken lightly.

Reading the reply, it doesn't seem clear what the author is trying to say: that "regular Americans" are generally stupid or only if you think his letter had any worth. Granted, Marrero's letter makes a stab at many virtually unrelated points and stretches the truth a bit in some places. A few of his points are well-known to University faculty and students.

UB's diversity is well-established, as anyone can plainly see. No other school I know of is quite like UB, with so many nationalities crammed into such a small student population. That's not the problem. What is might be the student body's utter lack of interaction. Less noticed in last issue was Sharon Loh's article which addressed this, as well as the problem of English proficiency.

What's wrong with UB? It seems sad that people who've had the courage to come from every corner of the planet to study are too afraid to go outside of their own ethnic group. This is just as true for domestic students; if you only wanted to go to school with Americans, what are you doing here?

One solution might be creating an organization whose sole purpose is promoting interaction between native English speakers and those who are relatively new to the language. In effect, Americans and non-Americans. This would not interfere with the mission of the International Relations Club- International Relations aren't falling apart, but relations between Americans and everyone else are.

Another might be the recruitment of more international students into the university's sports programs. Our baseball and softball teams are in dire need of players- how many existing players are international? Why is academic recruitment done mostly overseas and sports recruitment done almost solely in the US? Reversing these trends should be a concern for our Admissions department.

Finally, UB's domestic students have to involve themselves more. More must run for Student

government, vote in student elections, join and begin clubs, and maybe even write a few articles for the Scribe along the way.

Kyle Reeves

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a program in World Religions to internationalize its curriculum," said Dean Guerra. "This encouraged the Board to begin the licensing process." The University is employing Professor Eugene Gallagher, a former dean of and currently a professor at Connecticut College, as a consultant to assist in the design of the program.

A new undergraduate degree program in International Political Economy and Diplomacy is also currently being worked on. The New England Center for International and Regional Studies has been charged with working out the details of this program which will prepare students to understand the political and cultural dimensions of doing business in a highly internationalized environment.

At the graduate level, a Masters program in International Business focusing explicitly on Emerging Markets is being planned. The thrust in designing this program will also

come from the New England Center under the leadership of Dr. Stoyan Ganey and Dr. Vladimir Kvint.

The third major new academic initiative being planned is a program in Traditional Chinese Medicine, which would complement UB's existing offerings in alternative medicine. The University hopes to make a formal presentation on all these programs by Fall 1997.

A common feature of the new programs will be an extensive internship program that will place students with organizations appropriate to their field of study.

All of the new programs are being funded by a special grant of \$2.5 million from the Professors World Peace Academy earmarked for new academic programs. These restricted funds are part of the financial commitment that PWPA has made to the University up until now.

"These programs will help the University achieve its goal of becoming an international institution," said Dean Guerra. "The addition of the Traditional Chinese Medicine program will make the University of Bridgeport the premier center for alternative health care. It places us well ahead of the curve."

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community— in this case, the wonderfully diverse UB community.

It is certainly OK to expose an issue of controversy in such a paper. Controversy keeps the paper and the community healthy and alive. The problem here is that in using derogatory terms for various groups of international students from an illiterate, supposedly "American" viewpoint, is insulting to both foreign and American students. This is the community that the paper is serving.

Students in my Capstone seminar expressed an excited, negative response to this letter. Judging from their comments, it would seem that the language and accompanying illustration of the letter has clouded what could have been a meaningful discussion about an issue of great interest to UB students.

And besides student responses there is my own. I am an African-American professor. Seeing a KKK

illustration, no matter how satirical its intention is, gives me images of too many KKK abuses against my own ethnic group, as well as against Jews, Catholics, and others. Too many people have, been hurt and killed in the name of the Klan.

The illustration in The Scribe is not funny. American students of different racial and ethnic groups are offended by it and, if they are white, do not want to be associated with it. American students have also mentioned that the deliberately illiterate language of the letter is insulting to their academic integrity.

If the point of publishing Marrero's letter and the unsigned one together was to create controversy and to highlight an issue of importance to the UB community, perhaps it succeeded. Unfortunately, the result has not been the one intended,

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"which is the first of a series that are anti-America and very nationalistic," according to Dr. Yu. "China Can Say No" has generated a lot of media debate around the world. Our book is intended to provide a more balanced look at the Sino-American relations and the American media." Though the book was scheduled to be published last March in China, it is now under "political examination" by China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In May, Dr. Carveth and Dr. Yu will be presenting a paper on international censorship practices at the International Communication Association convention in Montreal. The paper is entitled "Roadblocks in the Infobahn: Global Internet Censorship Practices Around the Globe." The paper will cover international censorship of the Internet generally, though much of its specific focus is on the countries of Germany and China.

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## Women's Softball

## Marcia Palmeter: "We hoped for a winning record this year"

by Nikola Dimitrov

Marcia Palmeter has been playing softball since she was six, but never wanted the sport to become her entire life. Her softball skills helped her to receive an athletic scholarship at UB where she could play her favorite game, and, at the same time, pursue a degree in Fashion Merchandising.

When she first joined the Purple Knights, the team was struggling in the then extremely competitive NEAC. Now, three years later, Marcia, who has become the team's most experienced player and its only pitcher, says that things do not look much different.

The Purple Knights have so far lost 16 out of 18 games. Although without financial difficulties at the moment, the team, Marcia says, is severely understaffed. "We never have enough players on the field," she complained. "It's frustrating when

only six or seven players are coming to practice. We have to rely on athletes from other sports so we never

know who is going to be on our team until the beginning of the season."

Marcia is convinced that Coach Debra Larson's coming to UB brought about a positive change in the team. "Because of her we are more physically fit than last year, and, most important, we are now more of a team unity. Debra is very demanding, but we are having fun too," Marcia said.

"We were aware of our situation and didn't have unrealistic ambitions. We just hoped to clinch the league and have a winning record... for a change," she added.



Marsha Palmeter

38 holes on the day but can be consoled by his \$150,000 prize. "I hit a couple of sloppy shots."

But there was nothing sloppy about Love's final tee shot. "It's not nearly as bad for him to hit a great shot to beat me than if I had hit the ball in the water," Mickelson said. "Then I really would have been disappointed with myself."

Love advanced to the finals with a 3-and-2 victory over Tom Lehman, the world's top-ranked player. After losing the first two holes, Lehman rebounded to even the match with a birdie at No. 10. But he gave the hole right back at 11, using the wrong club off the tee and then hitting his second shot in the water. He took a bogey to fall 1-down.

"After that, I was too angry to play well," admitted Lehman, who also lost the 13th and 14th holes to doom his chances. "There are not too many times I get angry and it affects my game, but it happened today."

#### The 2004 Olympics To Be Held in Africa?

CHANTILLY, Virginia (AP) The 21st Century should be an African century, starting with the 2004 Olympic Summer Games at Cape Town, South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki told corporate and government leaders Monday.

"The time has come for the rest of the world to demonstrate its commitment to the African Renaissance by awarding the Games of 2004 to the African continent," Mbeki said in a speech appealing for both investment and positive new attitudes toward Africa from the international community.

He addressed the Corporate Council on Africa, made up of major U.S. and transnational corporate executives, with high officials from Algeria and 24 governments south of the Sahara Desert invited as guests.

U.S. President Bill Clinton addressed Monday night's closing session at a suburban Washington conference center through a video screening introduced by his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Olympic bid from Cape Town, at the Cape of Good Hope on Africa's southernmost tip, comes not only from his country but "is in reality an African bid," Mbeki said.

"Apart from the fact that Cape

Town can successfully host the 2004 Olympics ... Africa's time has come," Mbeki said. "Africa needs your support to carry through the difficult and complex task of achieving her renaissance."

The 2000 Summer Games have been awarded to Sydney, Australia, and the International Olympic Committee plans late this year to choose among Cape Town and four other candidates for the 2004 games: Athens, Buenos Aires, Rome, and Stockholm.

As described by Mbeki, a Cape Town Olympics could be another in a series of African "miracles" emerging from a continent too often dismissed by outsiders as a "netherworld" of hunger, poverty, underdevelopment and unending conflict.

"I stand here today as a product" of one such miracle, the peaceful transformation of South Africa from white supremacist apartheid to racial equality, he said.

Angola's new Government of Unity and Reconciliation, formed after decades of bloodshed, is another miracle, Mbeki continued.

In strife-torn Zaire, "a new miracle slouches towards its birth," he said, not mentioning embattled President Mobutu Sese Seko by name while voicing hope for "a new Zaire, perhaps with a new name, which shall be democratic, peaceful, prosperous, an exemplar of what the new Africa should be."

"Africa's advance toward its renaissance," he said, is guaranteed by a new generation that resists tyranny, demagoguery and corruption, upholds the emancipation of women and believes that "we are our own liberators" from poverty and the legacies of slavery and colonization.

More than 25 sub-Saharan countries have held democratic elections since 1990, confirming "an indigenous and sustained movement toward the elimination of the failed systems and violent conflicts" that for so long ruined the continent's image, Mbeki said.

Sub-Saharan Africa is also undertaking the economic reforms needed to attract foreign investment, he said, achieving 4 percent economic growth in 1995, compared to 1.4 percent for 1991-94. "None of us should be satisfied with an average growth rate of less than 10 percent," he said.

## National and World Sport

### Love Beats Mickelson in Playoff, Win American Title at World Champ

EATONTON, Ga. (AP) Phil Mickelson made a brilliant shot to advance to the American finals of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf on Tuesday. Then he was beaten by one that was almost as good.

With winds gusting off Lake Oconee from an approaching storm, Davis Love III put his tee shot within two feet of the hole on the second playoff hole and knocked in the birdie putt to beat Mickelson for the U.S. title in the match-play event.

Love's victory on the Great Waters course in east Georgia sends him to play the European, Japanese and International champions in the world finals next January at Scottsdale, Ariz. He also assures himself of at least \$500,000 in the \$3.65 million event.

The first time he played the 159-yard 17th hole, Love thought his tee shot was right on the flag, but it skidded past the green and he settled for a par. Mickelson birdied the hole to even the match. After both players birdied the 18th hole, it was back to 16 for the playoff. Both men were dragging Mickelson needed 18 holes to beat Fred Couples in the semifinal earlier in the day, while Love used 16 holes to defeat Tom Lehman 3 and 2 and they both had shaky pars to force another extra hole.

"It was a tough match," Love said. "It was not a well-played match. I think we both ran out of gas." But not before Love stepped up to 17 again, pulled out the same 7-iron he had used

the first time and, with a nice, easy swing, knocked the ball just beyond the flag. "Boy, if that's not right on it," Love said, admiring the ball as it sailed toward the green.

Mickelson went about 25 feet right of the cup with his tee shot and missed the tricky, downhill putt. Love stepped up and sank his winning birdie just in time to make it to the clubhouse before severe thunderstorms swept over the Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

"That was my best shot of the week," Love said, "and it was a great time to have it."

Mickelson knew that feeling earlier in the day. In his semifinal match against Couples, with the two golfers tied heading to the par-5 18th hole, Mickelson hit his 228-yard second shot to within six inches of the cup, just short of a double-eagle. Couples conceded the eagle and was forced to go straight at the flag with his second shot. He wound up missing the green to the right and chipped up 15 feet short of the flag to give the match to Mickelson.

"I'm disappointed, but it was a good match," said Couples, who lost despite a round that included six birdies and no bogeys. "It was fun to be a part of that. What a shot he hit on 18!"

Mickelson played bogey-free golf in the semifinal, but struggled in his match against Love. He hit his tee shot in the water at the par-3 14th and took a bogey, then made a critical mistake two holes later when his 9-iron from the middle of the fairway rolled back off the green and he took another bogey. "Yeah, I was tired," said Mickelson, who wound up playing

The Social Cerebral Society of the University of Bridgeport, known on campus as SCUBA, is an informal faculty-student body of four years standing that gathers to socialize and consider issues of mutual interest.

On the early evening of May 1st we will be gathering for our final meeting of the year. The meeting will honor the University's Seventieth Anniversary, the members of the Junior College of Connecticut, and senior SCUBA members who have been so dedicated during their time at UB.